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Danny Coulter

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November 2, 2005 9:59 PM

Senator Maria Cantwell
U.S. Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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## Barbara Burdeshaw

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Senator Bill Nelson U.S. Senate 716 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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#### William H. Alexander

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Senator George Voinovich U.S. Senate 524 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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# Mary Murphy

1 Harmony Hill Rd , Albany, NY 12203

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Senator Charles Schumer U.S. Senate 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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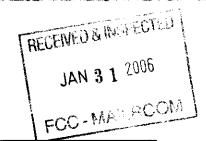
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## Michael Mester

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November 1, 2005 1:22 PM

Senator Arlen Specter U.S. Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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#### Dale Robinson

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Representative John Kuhl U.S. House of Representatives 1505 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

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Senator John Rockefeller U.S. Senate 531 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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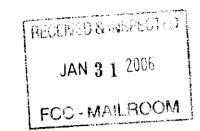
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## Connie Panach

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## Charles Keene

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Representative Kenny Hulshof U.S. House of Representatives 412 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

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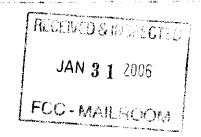
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## joseph wilden

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#### Janice Nichols

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Representative Ginny Brown-Waite U.S. House of Representatives 414 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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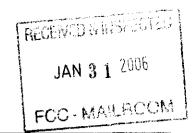
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# Harry Culbreth

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## Edward Witek

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Representative Steven LaTourette U.S. House of Representatives 2453 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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# **Timothy Brown**

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# Richard Behrens

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January 10, 2006 12:26 PM

The Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal. Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

Richard Behrens

CC:

Senator Carl Levin
Representative Vernon Ehlers
Senator Debbie Stabenow

## Elmo Wayne Delaney

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November 2, 2005 9:35 AM

Senator Richard Lugar U.S. Senate 306 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Lugar:

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November 2, 2005 9:55 PM

Senator Kay Hutchison U.S. Senate 284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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# Anthony Franklin

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Representative Jim Leach U.S. House of Representatives 2186 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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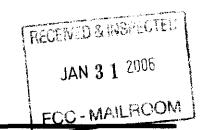
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## John Taylor

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November 2, 2005 9:40 PM

Senator Bill Frist U.S. Senate 509 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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November 1, 2005 12:58 PM

Senator Carl Levin U.S. Senate 269 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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November 1, 2005 5:51 PM

Senator Olympia Snowe U.S. Senate 154 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Snowe:

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